

### III. REMARKS

Claims 18, 23 and 24 are amended.

A check for \$172.00 is enclosed for the additional claim fees.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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